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Reply to Office Action of May 7, 2003  
Customer No. 27752

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 23-32, with the following amended paragraph:

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Another suitable configuration is shown in Figure 6 wherein two vacuum ports 700 are each placed adjacent to a bank 310 of air jet 300. The third vacuum port is adjacent to one these two vacuum ports 700. The nozzle 400 is positioned outboard of the third vacuum port. Generally, a minimum vacuum flow is needed to prevent the spent cleaning fluid from dripping onto the cleaned surface. A non-limiting example of a suitable minimum vacuum flow for cleaning a print plate wherein the clearance between the bottom of the head 200 of the cleaning apparatus 90 and the top surface of the print plate is approximately 0.130 inches (~~0.51 mm~~ 3.3 mm) is generally at least about 70 SCFM (1.8 SCMM). This is based on the use of the aforementioned nozzle and a head 200 whose open face area is about 3.4 inches<sup>2</sup> (~~86.4 mm~~ 21.94 cm<sup>2</sup>).